

**In the Abstract**

Please amend the Abstract as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2003/007905 as follows:

~~The invention relates to a~~ A heat-resistant ironing board cover having an elastic padding.  
~~According to the invention, the~~ The ironing board cover (6) can be joined with form-fit to the ironing board (1) ~~by means of~~ through its padding (5).